



## NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

With the uncertainty that surrounds us at the moment we continue to do all we can to ensure our young people are supported and, at the same time, follow the guidance provided by the government. Please look out for e-mails sent from the school that contain updates.

**Please remember, next week is half term and the 1<sup>st</sup> June is a staff training day with the school closed to pupils. We re-open Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.**

Today, during our staff training day, we heard from Jim Hildyard how “Nature is the teacher”. There are numerous studies showing the positive impact nature has on humans and how nature leads children to thrive intellectually, spiritually and on a physical and emotional level. This is leading us to constantly evaluate and enhance our unique Outdoor Curriculum at our sites at Eyam Edge Farm and Tintagel House.

### News from Tintagel



The students at Tintagel have had a healthy balance of outdoor learning, the craft of foraging,

learning about wild flowers and the laws around picking them. They have also helped hugely in the clearing of brush/dead overgrown bushes etc., removing of wind-blown rubbish and large sticks and stones from the outdoor shelter site that is being developed for school outdoor learning and lessons. The stones were collected for using to paint botanical wild plants on at a future date. The work has been messy and tiring but they have shown patience, resilience and dedication to get the site cleared ready for mowing. They understood the need for a timescale as if the clearing had taken longer, mowing would not have been an option, as a strimmer would have been needed instead.



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Students have worked maturely alongside BSS staff and High Riggs staff in the newly planted orchard. Many worms were saved in the forking out of weeds by one compassionate student!

### Clay and Jewellery Success

Under the direction of our tutor, Sarah, we have a carefully beaded necklace, a clay mosaic tiled sunshine ready for firing and a beautiful necklace created with handmade beads formed from clay and paper. Students have been busy making use of the sunshine drenched outdoor workshops (table outside). The results are truly beautiful!





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Craft packs continue to be sent home to students and is a joy for us to see the wonderful projects that are being created at home. Please keep the photographs coming!

Finally,

A quote from the beautiful book "A Boy a Mole a Fox and a Horse".



"When the big things feel out of control, focus on what you love right under your nose."

We wish you all a peaceful and sunny bank holiday weekend and half term break ahead.

On behalf of the Senior Leadership Team and all staff at Brantwood,

Julie Neale